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Lunch Concert Series Comes to Town Center

If you wanted another excuse to get out of the office and visit Regal Row at Town Center during lunchtimes, the city is beginning a new lunchtime concert series starting Aug. 11.

"Lunch Out Live" will feature concerts from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. on Thursdays, and the series will run for 12 weeks. Here's the schedule of who's playing:

- Aug. 25: *Bad Influence Band*
- Sept. 1: *Heather Mae*
- Sept. 8: *Lloyd Dobler Effect*

- Sept. 15: *The Patty Reese band*
- Sept. 22: *Dave Chappell*
- Sept. 29: *Rick Whitehead Trio*
- Oct. 6: *South Rail*
- Oct. 13: *Ted Garber*
- Oct. 20: *Kevin James*
- Oct. 27: *Aly Tadros*

The Mayor and Council approved the new events at Monday's meeting. The concert series was suggested by the Mayor and Council as a way to attract more people to businesses in the downtown area. ✚



Barry Gurley Trio played the first Lunch Out Live on Thursday, Aug. 11. The inaugural concert was well-attended by the lunchtime crowd in Rockville Town Center.

Unanimous Support from Mayor and Council Adopts Rockville Pike Plan

Traffic, poor conditions for pedestrians and bicyclists, an aging and unattractive area with little green space — this is how Rockville Pike is today. But with a unanimous vote on Aug. 1 to adopt the Rockville Pike Neighborhood Plan, the city's Mayor and Council set a vision for redevelopment that will create a more attractive environment to live, work in and visit, with parks and better options for transportation.

"It is a great compromise and we are moving forward with something that will transform the Pike ... We've come a long way and it is a wonderful day," Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton said.

The plan, which has taken about a decade to craft and has involved significant public input, will replace the 1989 Rockville Pike Corridor Neighborhood

Plan and will also amend the city's 2002 Comprehensive Master Plan.

The Mayor and Council thanked community members and Rockville staff who dedicated so much time to the plan. Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg credited staff for "all the years of blood, sweat and tears that have gone into this. ... You have done a yeoman's job."

Councilmember Julie Palakovich Carr lauded the Mayor and Council's handling

of the discussion. "I just wanted to say I'm proud of the process that this body has taken less than 150 days since we got this document and plan from the Planning Commission," she said. "It's taken 8 1/2 years for the city to get to this point."

Regional projections indicate that the 328 acres and 2 miles

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Rockville City Police Department officers receive the certificate of accreditation from CALEA officials. From the left, Lt. Brian Paul and Maj. Eric Over, with Acting Chief Bob Rappoport second from the right.

Police Department Awarded Accreditation for Excellence

Applause greeted news at a recent Mayor and Council meeting that the Rockville City Police Department received full accreditation for the next four years from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) during their attendance at CALEA's conference in Baltimore.

This is the seventh time RCPD has received the accreditation since it first received the designation in March 1994. According to CALEA's website (www.CALEA.org), the credentialing program has "become the primary method for an agency to voluntarily demonstrate their commitment to excellence in law enforcement."

"This award reflects the hard work of every employee in the police department and I'd like to express our appreciation for a job well done," Acting City Manager

Craig L. Simoneau told the Mayor and Council at their Aug. 1 meeting.

During the three-year review cycle, the department was in compliance with 100 percent of all applicable other-than mandatory standards — a rare achievement, Acting Chief Bob Rappoport said.

"Although this award goes to the great work of every employee in the police department, special acknowledgments to retired Chief [Terrance] Treschuk for his leadership during this cycle, Maj. Eric Over, the department's accreditation manager, and Mr. Max Crago, support services coordinator, who spent numerous hours over the past three years ensuring the agency was meeting the 373 standards applicable to our agency size," Rappoport said in an email to the City Manager's Office. ✚



MORE THAN 30 NEIGHBORHOODS AROUND ROCKVILLE HELD NATIONAL NIGHT OUT BLOCK PARTIES AND EVENTS... Tuesday, Aug. 2. National Night Out is a nationwide opportunity for neighbors to get to know each other, as well as the officers who serve them. McGruff the Crime Dog came to several parties accompanied by Rockville City Police Department officers to say hello. "Attending these community events are great, because it really builds a rapport with the community we serve," acting Rockville Police Department Chief Bob Rappoport told Rockville II News.

Rockville City Hall to Close for Labor Day

Recycling and Refuse Collected a Day Later Through Friday of that Week

City Hall and the following city facilities will be closed Monday, Sept. 5, in observance of Labor Day: Lincoln Park, Thomas Farm and Twinbrook community centers, the Rockville Senior Center, Croydon Creek Nature Center, Glenview Mansion and F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.

The Rockville Swim and Fitness Center will be open. For individual swim and fitness center facilities hours, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter.

Recycling, yard waste and refuse collection will be suspended on Sept. 5 and made one day later than usual throughout the week, with Thursday collection occurring on Friday, Sept. 9. For more information on holiday collection schedules, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-refuse or call 240-314-8568. Parking fees at city-owned meters will be free. For more information, go to www.rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-5000. ✚

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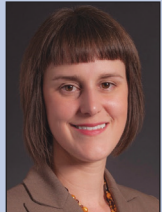
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Upcoming Meetings: Mondays; Sept. 12, 19 and 26 at 7 p.m.

Drop-in sessions are held monthly at 5:30 p.m. in the Mayor and Council office. *No appointment necessary.* Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton is joined by councilmember Virginia D. Onley on Monday, Sept. 12.

Get Involved with the City

Stay informed of the business before city leaders and share your thoughts:

- **Follow the action in person:** Meetings are at 7 p.m. on most Mondays, at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., or follow from home on channel 11. Meetings are also available via live streaming, and on demand the day after the meeting, at www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11.
- **Stop by a drop-in session:** The mayor and one councilmember meet with community members one Monday each month from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Find the drop-in schedule at www.rockvillemd.gov/mayorcouncil.
- **Speak at Community Forum** (up to three minutes): Community Forum is held during each Mayor and Council meeting. Priority is given to speakers who have signed up in advance by calling 240-314-8280 by 4 p.m. on the day of the meeting, and to those who are speaking on an agenda item.

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Applications Invited for Community Development Funding

Rockville nonprofits and government agencies can apply to receive a portion of the \$230,000 that Rockville is anticipated to be awarded in Fiscal Year 2018 through the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Grant applications are due by Thursday, Sept. 15.

The program provides federal grants for housing and community development projects that benefit low- and moderate-income households or neighborhoods. Rockville receives CDBG funds through Montgomery County.

Projects should meet the guidelines outlined in Rockville's funding announcement, which is available with the application form and instructions at www.rockvillemd.gov/cdbg.

Applications will be reviewed and prioritized by city staff and forwarded, with recommendations, to the Mayor and Council for review and approval this fall.

In recent years, CDBG funding grants provided:

- Rehabilitation funds for public housing units in the city.
- Support for Rockville's

Single-Family Rehabilitation Program, which provides forgivable loans to low- and moderate-income residents to make critical repairs to their homes.

- Renovation of group homes for individuals with severe mental illness and of a residence for formerly homeless men.

For more information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/cdbg or contact Asmara Habte, chief of housing programs, at ahabte@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8203. ✚

Rockville Pike Plan

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of road covered by the plan will have 11,800 residents and 13,900 jobs by 2040, and will account for about 40 percent of the city's population growth and a third of its employment growth over that time period. In 2015, the area had 3,530 residents and 9,050 jobs.

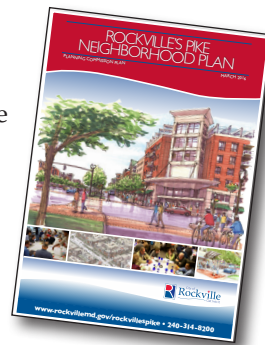
The Pike plan establishes policies for land use, transportation, parks, open space and other infrastructure over the next two decades and encourages a mix of commercial and residential uses. It ensures that existing residential neighborhoods are protected, that the emerging new neighborhood within the corridor is attractive, and that Rockville Pike continues to retain and attract local and national that enhances the corridor's long-standing economic viability.

More details on the Pike plan can be found at www.rockvillemd.gov/rockvillespike. ✚

ROCKVILLE PIKE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN'S TRANSPORTATION AND LAND-USE POLICIES OVERVIEW

These policies will:

- Redesign and reconstruct Rockville Pike as a multiway boulevard with much-improved pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure and new transit.
- Expand the street network — all with safe and appealing places to walk and bike.
- Optimize access to, and use of, public transit — Metro, local buses, future bus rapid transit.
- Improve the built environment — regulate building height based on location within the plan area (with taller heights near the Twinbrook Metro station); bring buildings closer to the streets and adjacent to wide sidewalks; encourage interesting architecture; provide parks, more open space and more recreational spaces; create smaller block sizes; and make the area an attractive and appealing place to live, work, shop and spend time.
- Encourage a mix of residential and commercial uses and provide new housing options for people of all incomes.
- Ensure that adequate facilities exist to serve new development.



Community Survey to Ask for Residents' Input

A Chance to Have a Say about Rockville's Government

The city's ninth biennial community survey will arrive in some Rockville mailboxes in early October.

If you receive a survey, please take the time to complete it and return it by the date indicated. The survey results help the city improve the quality of services to you, your family and the community.

The survey provides an opportunity to rate your satisfaction with the quality of life in the city, the

community's amenities and local government services.

A sample of households is selected at random to participate in the survey. Translation services will be provided for those who need assistance.

The National Research Center will conduct the survey. Responses will be anonymous.

To read about the 2014 survey, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/survey. ✚

Rockville TV to go High Def

Rockville 11's unique brand of award-winning content will pop into sharp, crisp high-definition for Comcast and RCN subscribers, beginning Oct. 1.

Rockville 11, Takoma Park and the Montgomery Municipal Channel will combine as the Municipal Broadcast Network (MBN), and will broadcast on HD Channel 997 on Comcast and HD Channel 1057 on RCN.

The station will continue to broadcast in standard definition on channel 11.

For more information visit www.connectmontgomery.com. To view Rockville 11 programming, visit <http://www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11>. ✚

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- **Send an email** to mayorandcouncil@rockvillemd.gov.
- **Testify at a hearing** or in writing to cityclerk@rockvillemd.gov or by mail to the City Clerk's Office, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850.
- **Volunteer** to be on a board or commission at www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions. (Learn more below.) Find other ways to give your time and talents to your community at www.rockvillemd.gov/volunteer.

Boards and Commissions

Meetings are held at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., unless otherwise noted. Please check www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions for the latest on cancellations, rescheduling and contact information.

- **Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29** Development Review Comm. 9 a.m.-noon
- **Sept. 1** Environment Comm. 7 p.m.
- **Sept. 7** Rockville Bicycle Advisory Comm. 7 p.m.
- **Sept. 13** Human Services Advisory Comm. 6:30 p.m.
- **Sept. 14, 28** Planning Comm. 7 p.m.*
- **Sept. 14** Cultural Arts Comm. 7 p.m.
- **Sept. 15** Historic District Comm. 7:30 p.m.
- **Sept. 19** Rockville Seniors Inc. 1 p.m. Rockville Senior Center,
- **Sept. 21** Sign Review Board 9 a.m.
- **Sept. 27** Traffic and Transportation Comm. 7:30 p.m.

*Televised on Rockville 11.

Anyone interested in serving on a board or commission may write to the Mayor and Council at 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, call 240-314-8280 or fill out and submit an expression of interest form at www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions.

Vacancies

The Mayor and Council are seeking applicants for the following boards and commissions:

- Animal Matters Board (1 alt.)
 - Board of Appeals (1)
 - Board of Supervisors of Elections (1)
 - Compensation Commission (2)
 - Ethics Commission (1)
 - Financial Advisory Board (1)
 - Historic District Commission (1 alt.)
 - Human Rights Commission (2)
 - Human Services Advisory Commission (1)
 - Landlord Tenant Affairs Commission (2 regular; 1 alt.)
 - Planning Commission (4)
 - Rockville Economic Development, Inc. (3)
 - Sign Review Board (1)
 - Senior Citizens Commission (2)
- For more, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions or call 240-314-8280.



STAY INFORMED: The Mayor and Council meeting schedule and agendas can be found at www.rockvillemd.gov/mayorcouncil. Staff reports with background information are included with the agendas, which are posted several days before each meeting. Sign up at www.rockvillemd.gov/notifyme to receive an email or text message when a new agenda is posted.

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<div>September</div>						<div>FACILITIES LEGEND:</div> <div><div>CC</div> Croydon Creek Nature Ctr., 852 Avery Rd., 240-314-8770.</div> <div><div>GM</div> Glenview Mansion Art Gallery, 603 Edmonston Dr., 240-314-8660.</div> <div><div>FSF</div> F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, 603 Edmonston Dr., 240314-8690.</div> <div><div>LP</div> Lincoln Park Community Ctr., 357 Frederick Ave., 240-314-8780.</div> <div><div>CH</div> Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., 240-314-5000.</div> <div><div>SR</div> Rockville Senior Ctr., 1150 Carnation Dr., 240-314-8800.</div> <div><div>SFC</div> Rockville Swim and Fitness Ctr., 355 Martins Lane, 240-314-8750.</div> <div><div>TF</div> Thomas Farm Community Ctr., 700 Falls Grove Dr., 240-314-8840.</div> <div><div>TC</div> Twinbrook Comm. Rec. Ctr., 12920 Twinbrook Pkwy., 240-314-8830.</div>						<div>LUNCH OUT LIVE Enjoy live music on E. Montgomery Ave. Performer: Heather Mae, pop. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. FREE</div>						<div>FARMERS MARKET 9 a.m.-1 pm. E. Jefferson & Monroe St.</div> <div></div>					
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<div>ART GALLERY OPENING & SUNDAY CONCERT. FREE. 1:30-3:30 p.m. GM</div> <div></div>		<div>ADVENTURE SERIES Trip to Skyzone for kids grades 1-5. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. TF</div> <div>ROCKVILLE CHORUS AUDITIONS 6:30 p.m. FSF</div> <div>MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING 7 p.m. CH</div>				<div>BALANCE, DIZZINESS AND FALLS Learn from a physical therapist for those age 65-plus. 1-3 p.m. SR</div> <div>PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING 7 p.m. CH</div>		<div>LUNCH OUT LIVE Enjoy live music on E. Montgomery Ave. Performer: The Patty Reese Band, country 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. FREE</div>				<div>FARMERS MARKET 9 a.m.-1 pm. E. Jefferson & Monroe St.</div> <div>FALL OUTDOOR YOGA SERIES 9 a.m. Isreal Park, 257 Frederick Ave.</div> <div>CAMPFIRE AND FALL NIGHT HIKE Naturalist-led forest hike and s'mores by the campfire 7:30-8:30 pm. CC</div> <div></div>		<div></div>									
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<div>CREEK CLEAN UP 1:30-4:30 p.m. CC</div> <div></div>		<div>ROCKVILLE SENIORS INC. MEETING 1 p.m. SR</div> <div>MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING 7 p.m. CH</div>		<div>AAA CARFIT A trained professional will help you complete a 12-point checklist. 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. SR</div> <div>WINE AND CHEESE OPEN HOUSE 5-6:30 p.m. SC</div> <div></div>		<div>SIGN REVIEW BOARD MEETING 9 a.m. CH</div> <div>PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING 7 p.m. CH</div>		<div>LUNCH OUT LIVE Enjoy live music on E. Montgomery Ave. Performer: Dave Chappell, roots rock/blues. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. FREE</div> <div>First Day of Fall.</div>		<div>DRUG TAKE BACK Collecting expired medications/drugs to be safely disposed of by city police. 10 a.m.-noon. SR</div> <div>LASER TAG PARTY 7-10 p.m. TF</div>		<div>FARMERS MARKET 9 a.m.-1 pm. E. Jefferson & Monroe St.</div> <div>THE STRUGGLE FOR EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY: WILLIAM GIBBS AND THE EQUALIZATION OF TEACHER SALARIES A Peerless Rockville presentation by Alonzo Smith. Red Brick Courthouse 10 a.m. FREE</div> <div>NATURE TOTS: CAMOUFLAGE Join your child discovering the wonders of nature. 10-11:30 a.m. CC</div> <div>THE ROCKVILLE GERMAN BAND CONCERT, Town Square, 5-6 p.m. FREE</div> <div></div>		<div></div>									
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<div>OUTDOOR SCIENCE CLUB: STREAM ECOLOGY Young scientists age 6-8 explore a variety of science topics through hands-on activities and time spent in the forest preserve. 1:30-3 p.m. CC</div> <div></div>		<div>MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING 7 p.m. CH</div>		<div>FLU SHOTS Senior Center members only at Carnation Room. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. SR</div> <div></div>				<div>LITTLE ACORNS: MEADOWS 10-11 a.m. CC</div> <div>HISPANIC FESTIVAL Entertainment and food. 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. SR</div> <div>LUNCH OUT LIVE Enjoy live music on E. Montgomery Ave. Performer: Rick Whitehead Trio, jazz. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. FREE</div>															
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Last Call to Take Part in the Solar Co-Op

Solar co-op registration ends on Sept. 30. More than 100 neighbors throughout Montgomery County have formed a co-op with the help of MD SUN to make it easier to save money on the purchase of solar panels and build a community interested in solar. Rockville homeowners can attend a free information session to learn more about solar energy and the co-op from 7-8:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 8 at the Upcounty Regional Services Center Government, 12900 Middlebrook Road, Suite 1000, in Germantown.

For more information or to register, visit www.mdsun.org/montgomery.

'Fight the [Mosquito] Bite'

Did you know that as little as a bottle cap of water is enough for mosquitoes to breed? Please continue to check outdoor areas around your home and apartment and eliminate standing water.

- Empty out water from containers, potted plant saucers and birdbaths at least weekly.
- Clean out roof gutters and corrugated downspouts.
- Fix dripping outdoor faucets and get rid of puddles near air conditioning units.

For more information on mosquitoes and mosquito control, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/mosquito.

Water-saving Toilets Available for Low-income Homeowners

The city's water conservation program offers new, water-saving toilets to Rockville homeowners, based on financial need. Under the program, city staff will coordinate removal of up to two older, inefficient toilets per home and replace them with new water-saving toilets. Older toilets use between 3.5 and 7 gallons per flush (gpf), while new water saving toilets use 1.28 gpf and could reduce water bills depending on use.

To qualify, applicants must own their home in Rockville and meet installation criteria, as well as the family-size and income guidelines below. Toilets that use 1.6 gpf are not eligible for replacement.

Participating homeowners are responsible for maintenance and repair of the toilet fixture, accessories and plumbing features, upon installation. Funds are limited and toilet replacements will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis to eligible applicants.

For more information, and to apply, call the Community Services Division at 240-314-8310. Seniors (60 and older) should call the Senior Services Division at 240-314-8810.

Family Size	Max. Gross Income
1	\$38,050
2	\$43,450
3	\$48,900
4	\$54,300
5	\$58,650
6	\$63,000
7	\$67,350
8	\$71,700

Nominate Outstanding Historical Projects

Peerless Rockville has opened nominations for its 37th Annual Peerless Awards. "Peerless is honoring the best of today and looking back to 1966 as we celebrate the 37th Annual Peerless Awards and the 50th Anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act!" the organization states on its website, www.peerlessrockville.org.

Nominations are open until Thursday, Sept. 15. Awards will be presented during "Celebrate Rockville: Now & Then" at Glenview Mansion at Rockville Civic Center Park on Friday, Nov. 18.

For more information and nomination forms, visit www.peerlessrockville.org or call 301-762-0096.

MDOT Will Hold Meeting to Discuss Bus Rapid Transit Options

The Maryland Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting on its bus rapid transit (BRT) alternatives under consideration for Veirs Mill Road.

The public meeting will be held 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 28 in the cafeteria of the Montgomery County Executive Office Building at 101 Monroe St. BRT is planned along Veirs Mill Road between the Rockville Metro station and Wheaton. Three alternatives are being considered. The preferred option is expected to be identified by the end of 2016.

The state will release, in early September, a draft corridor study with results of its analysis of the alter-

natives. The analysis will include projected ridership and the impact to traffic from the different options. Once the report is available, a public comment period begins and will run to mid-October. State representatives will present the alternatives to Rockville's Mayor and Council during their Oct. 10 meeting.

City staff is available to brief neighborhood and citizen associations and others that wish to hear more about the project. Please contact Andy Gunning at 240-314-8206, or agunning@rockville.md.gov if interested.

More information is available at www.montgomerycountymd.gov.



DUNKYOUR DOG... What dog owner doesn't love to see their pet pooch splash around? They'll have that chance again this year. Doggie Dip Day 2016 is scheduled for noon-4 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 10 (rain or shine) at the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center's outdoor recreation pool. The cost is \$5 per dog; humans are free of charge. All dogs must have a current rabies certificate or veterinarian's letter stating that they have received their rabies vaccination to gain entry to the event. Humans – sorry, you can't join your dogs in the water due to health and safety reasons.

Theater Closed Early September During Renovations

The F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre will be closed in early September while it undergoes several renovation projects, but that doesn't mean a lack of entertainment.

Rockville Little Theatre will present six performances of "Jake's Women," Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 2, 7, 8 and 9, which is one of playwright Neil Simon's lesser known works, but a gem of a show. Jake, a writer with an overly vivid imagination, faces a marital crisis by daydreaming about the women in his life.

Due to the renovations, the performance has been moved to the Jewish Community Center's, Kreeger Auditorium. Please call 240-242-9735 to order single tickets.

- Behind the theater, a new surface lot will significantly expand accessible parking options.
- The social hall will be updated to provide enhanced space for meetings and events, as well as

a new entryway for those using the rear parking lots.

- The theater's house will undergo roof reinforcement, allowing more flexibility for advanced lighting and sound technology.

The box office will be open throughout construction, noon-6 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Subscription packages for 2016-2017 are available for the following shows: "Jake's Women," Sept. 30-Oct. 9; "Shrek, the Musical," Oct. 28-Nov. 13; "The Miracle Worker," Feb. 3-12; "Book of Days," May 5-14. Subscribers save when they buy two, three or all four shows. Benefits include the same seat and a great view all season, savings over single tickets and complimentary exchanges. Packages start at \$32.

Call 240-314-8690 or visit www.rockvillemd.gov/theatretix for pricing, order forms and more information.

Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee Celebrates 10th Anniversary of Carl Henn Millennium Trail Opening

Join the Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee (RBAC) on Saturday, Sept. 10 for a group ride on the Carl Henn Millennium Trail, a signed, 10-foot-wide, shared-use path that runs in a 10.6-mile loop around Rockville.

Afterwards, RBAC will celebrate the 10th anniversary of Rockville's bike beltway with a potluck picnic. RBAC will supply the cake; bicyclists are invited to bring a dish, snacks and beverages to share.

Riders will learn about the history and development of the trail, which was constructed in 2000, and Carl Henn, the man it was later named after.

Henn was a longtime Rockville resident, community activist, environmental advocate and avid bicyclist. He died in July 2010 after being struck by lightning during a powerful storm. He



was 48.

The Millennium Trail, named as it was in bright hopes for the new century, was renamed in 2011 to

honor Henn's quiet, effective leadership.

Note: Riders must be at least 15 and helmets are required.

Registration is free, but please RSVP and fill out a waiver at www.rockvillemd.gov/rbac.

DON'T MISS OUT

WHAT: Anniversary Celebration of Carl Henn Millennium Trail Opening

WHEN: Saturday, Sept. 10, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., check-in begins at 9:30 p.m.

WHERE: Thomas Farm Community Center, 700 Falls Grove Drive, Rockville

Get Into It

Mayor
BRIDGET DONNELL NEWTON

Councilmembers
BERYL L. FEINBERG
VIRGINIA D. ONLEY
JULIE PALAKOVICH CARR
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EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY: The city is no longer accepting materials for recycling that are in plastic bags or that contain plastic bags. This includes plastic bags grouped into one bag and placed in the cart, as well as bags used to bundle other materials for recycling. The change was made due to costly damage that the bags are causing to the processing and sorting equipment. Look for grocery and retail stores with plastic bag collection bins near their entrances. Find a drop-off location that accepts bags for recycling at: m.montgomerycountymd.gov/sws/how/plastic-bags.html.